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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Amendments to the specification and abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks in support of an allowance begin on page 6 of this paper.

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